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Q. UNDER THE GENERAL HEADING OF MIDDLE EAST ARMS AND
MAYBE THE SADAT VISIT, CAN I FIRST ASK A PROCEDURAL
QUESTION? WOULD YOU LIKE US TO ASK EVERY DAY IF A
DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ON ARMS, OR WILL YOU VOLUNTEER IT?

A. I WOULD LOVE TO BE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER IT. A DECISION
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HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN ON THE MIDDLE EAST ARMS QUESTION
SEPARATELY OR ONE OR TWO OR THREE.

Q. SHOULD WE BE ASKING THIS EVERY DAY OR WHEN A DECISION
IS TAKEN, CAN WE BE CONFIDENT YOU WILL TELL US.?

A. NO, YOU CAN'T BE CONFIDENT, BECAUSE WHEN THE DECISION
IS TAKEN, IT WILL BE TAKEN BY THE PRESIDENT, AND I WOULD
REALLY EXPECT THAT THE ANSWER ON THAT QUESTION WILL
COME INITIALLY FROM THE SOURCE OF THE FINAL DECISION.

Q. HAS THERE BEEN ANY REACTION TO THE REPORTS FROM ISRAEL
ABOUT THREE NEW SETTLEMENTS?

A. NO. I DON'T HAVE ANY REACTION. WE HAVE SEEN THE

REPORTS. WE DO NOT HAVE INDEPENDENT INFORMATION ON IT,
AND I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO OFFER YOU ON THE SUBJECT
RIGHT NOW.

Q. MR. DAYAN SAID TODAY IN THE KNESSET THAT, SLIGHTLY
PARAPHRASING IT, THERE HAD NOT BEEN ANY COMMITMENT NOT TO
PUT NEW SETTLEMENTS THERE IN THE PRESENT TIME PERIOD OR
WHATEVER. DO YOU HAVE ANY EXPLANATION OF EXACTLY WHAT
THE STATUS OF THAT IS? CAN YOU GIVE US A RUNDOWN
ON HOW YOU UNDERSTAND IT?

A. ON THE DAYAN THING AGAIN, I'VE JUST SEEN THAT NEWS REPORT, TOO. I THINK HE SAID AT SOME MORE LENGTH THAN THAT, "WE ARE GOING TO TAKE A LOOK AT THAT." I HAVE A FEELING, NONETHELESS, THAT AFTER WE'VE TAKEN A LOOK AT IT, INSOFAR AS MY ABILITY TO GO INTO THE QUESTION OF WHAT WAS SAID BY MR. DAYAN OR MR. CARTER OR MR. BEGIN IS GOING TO BE SEVERLEY LIMITED TO ALMOST NON-EXISTENT. IN ANY CASE, I DON'T HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE DAYAN STATEMENT BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE FULL TEXT IN HAND, AT LEAST UNCLASSIFIED

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WE DIDN'T WHEN I GOT THIS GUIDANCE.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY KIND OF STANDING REQUEST WITH THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT TO INFORM YOU WHEN NEW SETTLEMENTS GO UP?

A. I'M NOT AWARE OF SUCH A REQUEST.

Q. DOES THE EMBASSY OR THE CONSULATE GENERAL HAVE A PROCEDURE WHEREBY IT SENDS PEOPLE OUT TO HAVE A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT THESE AREAS TO SEE IF THEY ARE SETTLEMENTS OR NOT WHEN THERE ARE REPORTS?

A. OBVIOUSLY, WE TAKE AN INTEREST IN DEVELOPMENTS IN ANY COUNTRY IN WHICH WE HAVE DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES, AND I WOULD'T TELL YOU THAT THEY HAVE NOT LOOKED AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER AT SETTLEMENTS OR OTHER PLACES; BUT I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THERE IS A REGULAR, PROGRAMMED, OFFICIAL SET OF INVESTIGATIONS OR CHECKS. I JUST DON'T KNOW.

Q. I'M ASKING THAT BECAUSE YOU FREQUENTLY SAY THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANY INDEPENDENT INFORMATION ON THE MATTER. YOU SAY, "WE'VE SEEN NEWS REPORTS ON THAT," AND IT'S NOT THAT BIG A COUNTRY.

A. I UNDERSTAND THAT. AND, OF COURSE, IN THE PAST WHEN WE HAVE PROTESTED, I THINK, ON SOME SPECIFIC INSTANCES,

THAT USUALLY IS BECAUSE WE ALSO HAVE SOME SENSE OF IT ON OUR OWN.

Q. DOES THE ADMINISTRATION TAKE THE POSITION THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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SETTLING CIVILIANS IN OCCUPIED -- UNQUOTE -- TERRITORY IS ILLEGAL PER SE UNDER THE GENEVA CONVENTION? OR IS IT ILLEGAL WHEN CIVILIANS ARE UPROOTED TO MAKE WAY FOR OTHER CIVILIANS?

A. I UNDERSTAND THE DEBATE WHICH IS IMPLICIT IN THIS, WHICH IS TWO DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS OF THAT. THIS GOES BACK A LONG TIME -- I THINK WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH THIS BEFORE.

Q. I DON'T THINK SO.

A. IT IS, IN FACT WE BELIEVE MOVING THE CIVILIANS IN TO TERRITORY TAKEN, WHICH WE CONSIDER TO BE ILLEGAL, AS WELL AS UPROOTING FROM. BUT I WILL BE GLAD TO GO BACK, SINCE I AM NOW TRUSTING MY MEMORY OF OLD GUIDANCE, AND GET THE EXACT FORMULATION. CERTAINLY IT HAS BEEN OFFERED BACK TO US THAT IT IS NOT ILLEGAL TO MOVE INTO, SO MUCH AS IT IS TO UPROOT FROM, AND THAT IS THE INTERPRETATION WHICH HAS BEEN OFFERED BY ISRAEL ON THE SUBJECT.

Q. WERE YOU STATING ISRAEL'S POSITION THERE?

A. NO.

Q. ALL RIGHT. BUT SO FAR AS THE AMERICAN POSITION, IF CIVILIANS MOVE INTO THIS TERRITORY, INTO AN AREA WHERE THERE AREN'T CIVILIANS LIVING, AND PEOPLE AREN'T DISPLACED TO MAKE ROOM FOR THEM, IS IT THE U.S. POSITION THAT SUCH SETTLEMENTS ARE ILLEGAL UNDER THE GENEVA CONVENTION?

A. YES. IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY.

Q. ON AT LEAST TWO OCCASIONS, THE PRESIDENT REFERRED UNCLASSIFIED

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TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AS DECIDING THAT THIS IS ILLEGAL. WAS THAT A SLIP OF THE TONGUE?

A. YES.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER FOR US TODAY ON SADAT'S SCHEDULE WHILE HE IS HERE?

A. YES. I WILL DO THE BEST I CAN. AND, AGAIN, FOLKS, THE WHITE HOUSE HAS GOT A BETTER NOTION OF THIS, BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING TO FILL IN THE DETAILS INSIDE THIS FRAME, WHICH IS WHAT WE SENT THEM. YOU MAY WANT TO GET MORE FROM THEM.

ARRIVAL AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE WITH BRIEF ARRIVAL CEREMONY THERE ON THE MID-AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 3RD. U.S. WELCOMING COMMITTEE AT ANDREWS TO BE HEADED BY SECRETARY VANCE. THEY WILL HELICOPTER TO THE WHITE

HOUSE WHERE I UNDERSTAND -- HERE IS YOUR SCOOP FOR THE MOM ENT, ANTICIPATING THE WHITE HOUSE -- THAT HE WILL BE MET BY THE PRESIDENT ON THE LAWN. THERE MAY BE A FEW REMARKS, AND THEN THEY WILL HELICOPTER TO CAMP DAVID THAT SAME AFTERNOON.

ON THE 4TH AND THE 5TH, THEY WILL BE AT CAMP DAVID. WHIL I CANNOT TELL YOU THIS AS A MATTER OF FACT AND CERTAINTY, I WOULD DOUBT SERIOUSLY THAT YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE MUCH REPORTORIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS. THAT IS TO SAY, I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE MEDIA EVENTS SCHEDULED UP THERE, AND THAT WHILE THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE TO DO THAT SORT OF THING, MAY BE STANDING AT THE GATE TO MAKE SURE THE PLACE DOESN'T EVAPORATE, THERE WILL NOT BE ANY KIND OF REAL OPPORTUNITY UP THERE.
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INSOFAR AS OTHER BRIEFING POSSIBILITIES ARE CONCERNED, I AM SIMPLY NOT IN THE PLAY.

Q. WHAT IS THE EXACT ARRIVAL TIME OF SADAT?

A. NO. I THINK THAT IS GOING TO HAVE TO COME FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE.

Q. COULD YOU CARRY ON WITH THE SCHEDULE?

A. YES. RETURN TO WASHINGTON MID-AFTERNOON -- STAYING AT THE BLAIR HOUSE -- MID-AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 5TH. ADDRESS THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB 12:30 P.M. FEBRUARY 6TH. MEETINGS WITH THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE MORNING AND EARLY AFTERNOON -- I AM NOT SURE OF THE ORDER ON THIS -- OF FEBRUARY 7TH. MEETINGS WITH SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE AND TREASURY ON THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 7TH. MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, FOLLOWED BY A WORKING LUNCH HOSTED BY THE SECRETARY AT THE DEPARTMENT, NOON-ISH, ON FEBRUARY 8TH. CALL BY

PRESIDENT AND MRS. SADAT ON PRESIDENT AND MRS. CARTER EARLY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 8TH, AND DEPART FROM ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE ON THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 8TH. THIS IS STILL BEING WORKED OUT, BUT THIS IS THE WAY IT IS, RIGHT NOW.

NOW, I WOULD NOT SUGGEST THAT THIS IS ALL THERE IS ON HIS SCHEDULE. THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL PARTS OF HIS SCHEDULE ARE BEING WORKED OUT BY THE EGYPTIAN EMBASSY, AND THEY ARE REALLY THE SOURCE ON THAT, INSOFAR AS WHO THEY MAY MEET THAT DON'T QUALIFY EITHER UNDER YOUR TERMS AS MAJOR MEDIA OR UNDER OUR TERMS AS OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT FOLKS.

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Q. IS SADAT GOING ABROAD AGAIN, OR IS HE GOING TO GO ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE UNITED STATES, AS FAR AS YOU KNOW?

A. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT HE IS LEAVING TO GO ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD.

Q. NOT TOURING THE UNITED STATES.

A. THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING.

Q. I WONDER IF I COULD PUT BOTH THE SADAT VISIT, AS IT IS NOW SHAPING UP, AND THE SURPRISE VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN TO THIS COUNTRY FOR A WEEK INTO THE CONTEXT OF THIS QUIET DIPLOMACY WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN SELLING SO HARD. DO BOTH OF THESE VISITS FIT INTO THAT CATEGORY, IN YOUR VIEW?

A. I WILL TELL YOU WHAT: THE ANSWER IS BETTER GOING TO BE ESTABLISHED BY WHAT APPEARS ON YOUR SCREEN AND OTHERS THAN BY THE FACT OF THE VISIT. DIPLOMACY INVOLVES CONTACT BETWEEN PEOPLE. THE FACT THAT THE CONTACT IS TAKING PLACE DOES NOT MAKE IT INTO A MAJOR EXPLOSION OF RHETORIC. IT ONLY HAS TO DO WITH WHAT INDEED IS SAID PUBLICLY.

NOW, AS I JUST GOT THROUGH TELLING YOU, THOSE TWO DAYS UP AT CAMP DAVID ARE NOT INTENDED TO BE A MAJOR MEDIA EVENT. I CANNOT TELL YOU WHAT PEOPLE WILL OR WILL NOT SAY.

Q. HAS EITHER THE STATE DEPARTMENT OR THE WHITE HOUSE EXPRESSED ANY VIEWS TO EITHER THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT OR
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THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL WITH REGARD TO THE POSSIBLE USEFULNESS OF ENGAGING IN WHAT CERTAINLY APPEARS TO BE

AN EXCHANGE OF RHETORIC. HOW FORCEFUL IT WILL BE, I DON'T KNOW, BUT I CAN'T THINK OF ANY REASON, FOR EXAMPLE, TO ADDRESS THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB.

A. OFTEN JUST TO PRESENT YOUR OPINION TO THE FOLKS, OR TO COME OVER HERE FOR A FUND-RAISING DRIVE, YOU MEAN?

A. NO, THAT IS PERFECTLY APPROPRIATE, BUT ISN'T IT PRECISELY THAT KIND OF EXPRESSION OF OPINION THAT HAD LED TO THE BREAKDOWN IN TALKS THAT JUST HAPPENED?

A. NO. IT IS NOT THE EXPRESSION OF OPINION THAT HAS BEEN APROBLEM. IT IS WHAT HAS BEEN EXPRESSED IN EXPRESSING AN OPINION THAT HAS BEEN APROBLEM. I MEAN, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY EVERYTHING THAT IS ON YOUR MIND EVERY TIME, I GUESS, IS WHAT I REALLY WOULD SAY.

Q. ON FRIDAY PRESIDENT SADAT ARRIVES AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND IS GREETED ON THE LAWN. DO THEY GO IMMEDIATELY THEN TO CAMP DAVID OR WILL THEY HAVE THE FIRST SESSION AT THE WHITE HOUSE?

A. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME BRIEF REMARKS THERE, AND THEY WILL POP RIGHT INTO THE HELICOPTER AND TAKE OFF.

Q. THE FIRST SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS WILL BE AT CAMP DAVID AND NOT THE WHITE HOUSE.

A. YES.

Q. WHO IS GOING FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO CAMP DAVID? YOU CAN'T SAY?
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A. NO, I CAN'T SAY, BECAUSE I AM NOT AWARE. BUT YOU CAN ASSUME CERTAIN PEOPLE.

Q. IN ADDITION, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA OF HOW MUCH TIME ON SATURDAY AND HOW MUCH TIME ON SUNDAY IS SET ASIDE FOR DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS?

A. I WOULD REFER YOU TO A 1:30 BRIEFING AT THE WHITE HOUSE, I THINK, TO FILL IN THAT KIND OF DETAIL.

Q. I DON'T KNOW THAT WE REALLY GOT AN ANSWER TO THE FIRST PART OF THE PREVIOUS QUESTION. IT IS ESTABLISHED NOW, I GUESS, AS FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES ASKED THE TWO SIDES TO LOWER THEIR VOICES.

A. YES.

Q. AND THEN CAME THESE TWO VISITS. HAVE WE GIVEN ADVICE TO EGYPT OR ISRAEL ON HOW THEIR PEOPLE -- HOW SADAT AND DAYAN SHOULD CARRY ON? SHOULD THEY BE ON THE BARBARA WALTERS SHOW OR NOT?

A. NO. I DON'T THINK, IN ANY CASE, WE HAVE GIVEN PERSONAL LECTURES TO PARTICIPANTS IN ANY KIND OF TALKS, NOR ARE WE GIVING THEM MARCHING ORDERS ON HOW TO BEHAVE. WE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR, BOTH PRIVATELY AND PUBLICLY -- I HAVE SAID THAT HERE BEFORE, I DON'T WANT YOU TO THINK IT IS IN THE CONTEXT OF THESE VISITS -- THAT WE

THINK THAT THE PROCESS WOULD BE USEFULLY HELPED BY A GENERAL LOWERING OF THE RHETORIC, WHICH IN FACT WE BELIEVE HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE. NOW, THAT CONCERN REMAINS AND THAT POSITION REMAINS, BUT I DON'T THINK WE UNCLASSIFIED

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MADE A POINT OF GOING BACK IN AND SAYING, "INCIDENTALLY, YOU MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN WE SAID THIS THREE DAYS AGO, BUT IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT YOU ARE COMING, WE HAVE COMMENTED."

Q. DO YOU SEE ANY CONTRADICTION BETWEEN BOND-SELLING CAMPAIGNS AND SPEECHES TO THE PRESS CLUB AND THIS SORT OF QUIET DIPLOMACY THAT YOU HAVE SUGGESTED AGAINST A BACKDROP OF A SUSPENSION OF TALKS?

A. I WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE A CRITICAL REMARK, EVEN IF THERE WERE ONE TO BE MADE. SECOND, I AM CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO ANTICIPATE WHAT A FOREIGN MINISTER OR A PRESIDENT OF ANOTHER COUNTRY MAY OR MAY NOT SAY WHEN THEY GET HERE.

Q. CAN YOU SHARE WITH US AT ALL ANY OF THE RESULTS THAT MR. ATHERTON HAS DONE IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS?

A. NO, I AM NOT ABLE TO.

Q. HAVE ANY ARRANGEMENTS BEEN MADE FOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS TO SEE DAYAN?

A. I THINK, WHEN I WAS FIRST INFORMED BY SEVERAL OF YOU OF THIS VISIT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, IT TURNED OUT A FEW HOURS EARLIER THAT WE HAD LEARNED HE WAS COMING, AND I BELIEVE THAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE, THE PROCEDURE IS GOING FORWARD FOR HIM TO COME HERE AND VISIT AT LEAST WITH THE SECRETARY. I NOT ONLY DON'T HAVE ANY DETAILS FOR YOU; THERE AREN'T ANY DETAILS YET

AS TO WHEN OR WHERE -- OR WHEN, AT ANY RATE. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, THAT IS TO SAY, WHETHER THERE WAS AN ANTICIPATED MEETING AT THE WHITE HOUSE, LITERALLY ARE NOT MADE, AND I WOULD THINK THAT MAYBE THAT IS THE UNCLASSIFIED

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RIGHT PLACE TO ASK. THERE IS NOTHING SET, RIGHT NOW.

Q. SO FAR AS YOU KNOW, IS THERE ANY POSSIBILITY OF OVERLAP OR MEETING BETWEEN SADAT, DAYAN, AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS?

A. I DON'T BELIEVE THERE IS ANY PLANNING FOR SUCH A CONTINGENCY. I HAVE SEEN NONE.

Q. IS RABBI SCHINDLER'S VISIT TO THE SECRETARY PART OF THE ARRANGEMENTS?

A. NO.

Q. WHY IS HE HERE, THEN?

A. I JUST AM NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO GO INTO THE DETAILS OF IT YET. IT DOES NOT HAVE TO DO SPECIFICALLY WITH THE MIDDLE EAST, HOWEVER.

Q. LOOKING AT THE TALKS AS THEY NOW ARE GOING ON, IS THERE ANY DEGREE OF OPTIMISM HERE THAT THERE HAS BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL LEAP FORWARD AND THAT THEY HAVE GOTTEN PAST THE HURDLES THAT LED TO THEIR BREAKING DOWN IN THE FIRST PLACE?

A. YOU MAKE THAT EASY FOR ME. THERE HAS NOT BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL LEAP FORWARD. WE CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT PROGRESS WILL BE MADE AND I JUST HAVE TO KEEP ECHOING WHAT THE PERSON ON THE GROUND SAYS, MR. ATHERTON, WHICH IS THAT THIS IS A VERY DIFFICULT PROCESS AND THAT PROGRESS IS MEASURED IN VERY SMALL STEPS. THAT IS ABOUT WHERE WE ARE.

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2. THE FOLLOWING WAS POSTED IN THE DEPARTMENT PRESS OFFICE IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS TAKEN AT JANUARY 31 NOON BRIEFING.

Q. WHAT IS NOW IN THE U.S. MILITARY SUPPLY PIPELINE TO EGYPT?

A. --THE PRESENT PROGRAM CONSISTS OF 14 C-130'S, 12 DRONES, 6 CAMERA PODS AND, UNDER IMET, A LIMITED AMOUNT

F NON-COMBAT TRAINING.
OF NON-COMBAT TRAINING.

- - SWER FROM THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES

Q. DO WE HAVE AN ANSWER FROM THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES TO OUR REQUEST FOR AN INVESTIGATION INTO SAMI ESMAIL'S TREATMENT?

A. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THE ANSWER.

Q. DID THE ISRAELIS MAKE A COMMITMENT TO US ON SETTLEMENTS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES? IF SO, WHEN? HAS THIS COMMITMENT BEEN HONORED? IS THERE CONFUSION ABOUT IT?

A. WE HAVE NOTHING TO SAY ABOUT OUR EXCHANGES ON THIS MATTER.

Q. WHAT DOES "IN ALL ASPECTS" MEAN WHEN WE SAY THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM IN ALL ITS ASPECTS?

A. THE FINAL, EXACT MEANING WILL HAVE TO BE DELINIATED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS. THIS PHASE INDICATES THAT A FINAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT MUST FULLY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE MANY RAMIFICATIONS OF THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION, WHICH INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO THE REFUGEE ISSUE.
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Q. HAS PRESIDENT CARTER RECEIVED A REPLY FROM PRIME MINISTER BEGIN TO HIS MESSAGE ON THE ISSUE OF ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS?

A. WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS OUR DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES.

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